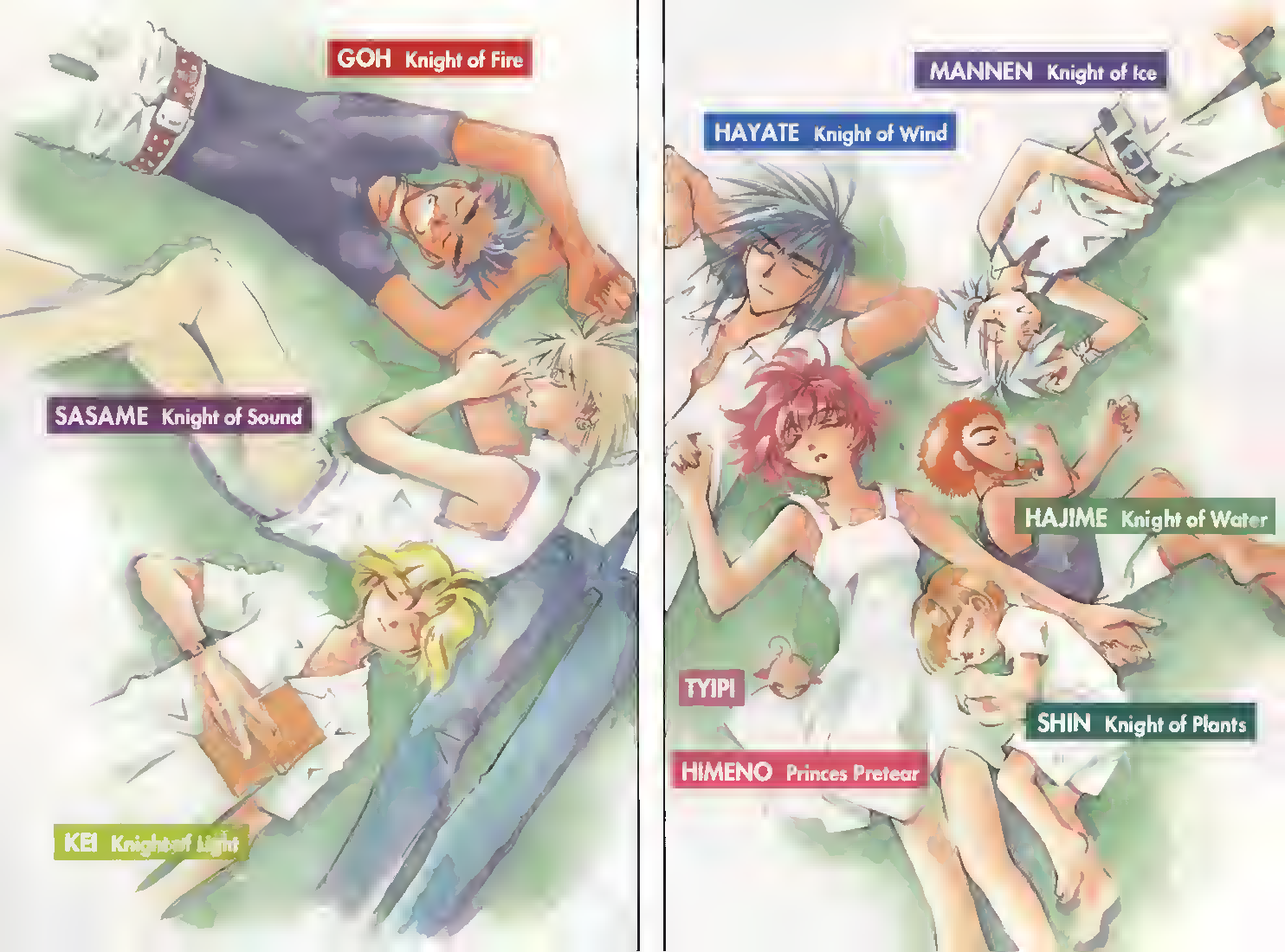
GOH Knight of Fire
SASAME Knight of Sound
KEI Knight of Light
MANNEN Knight of Ice
HAYATE Knight of Wind
HAJIME Knight of Water
TYIPI
SHIN Knight of Plants
HIMENO Princes Pretear

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[THE STORY SO FAR]

"IN ORDER TO PROTECT WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO HER, HIMENO HAS CHOSEN TO FIGHT ALONGSIDE THE KNIGHTS AGAINST 'SAIHI'. YET ON THE OTHER HAND, SHE HAS STARTED TO FEEL CONFUSED ABOUT HER OWN EXISTENCE AS THE PRETEAR, THE BEING WHO IS SO IMPORTANT TO EVERYONE FOR THAT, SAIHI HAS POSSESSED SOMEONE, SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN FOLLOWING HIMENO VERY CLOSELY—"

EDITOR'S NOTE: JUST FOR ALL THE HARDCORE FANS OUT THERE NO I DIDN'T STUFF UP ON THE SPELLING OF PRINCESS ON PAGES 008 AND 013. THE ORIGINAL JAPANESE VERSION SPELT IT OUT IN ENGLISH AND I'VE LEFT IT AS IS, MISTAKE AND ALL. SO PLEASE DON'T FLAME ME FOR A SPELLING MISTAKE THAT'S NOT MY FAULT. [IF YOU FIND ANY OTHERS THOUGH... NYA!]

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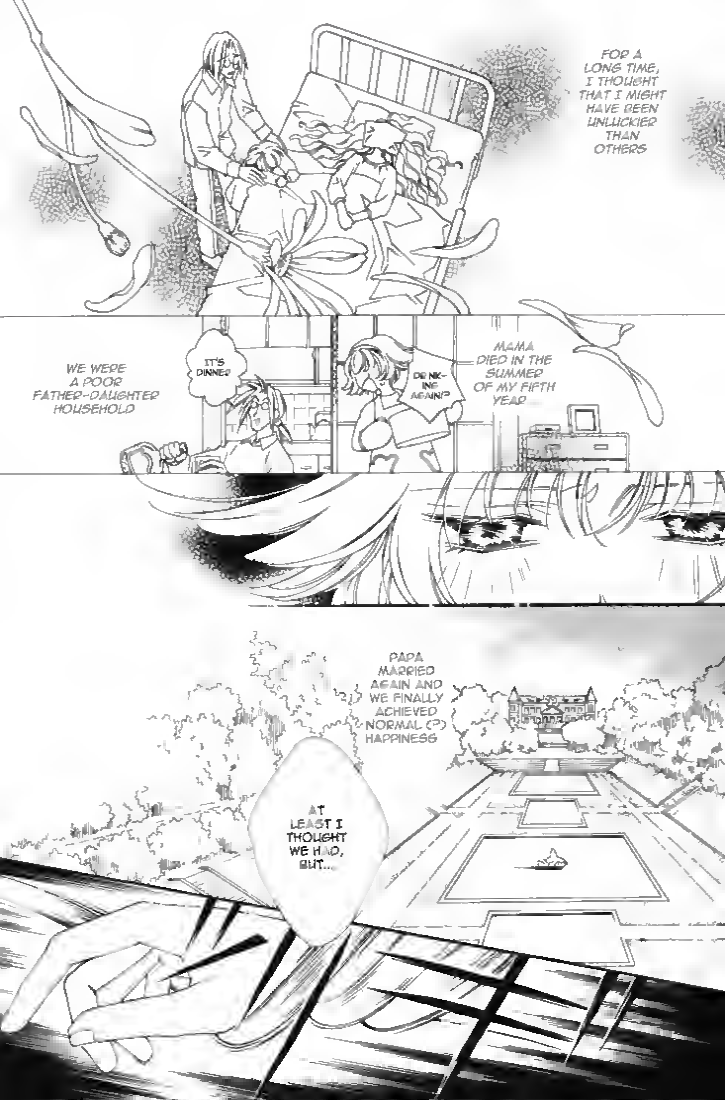
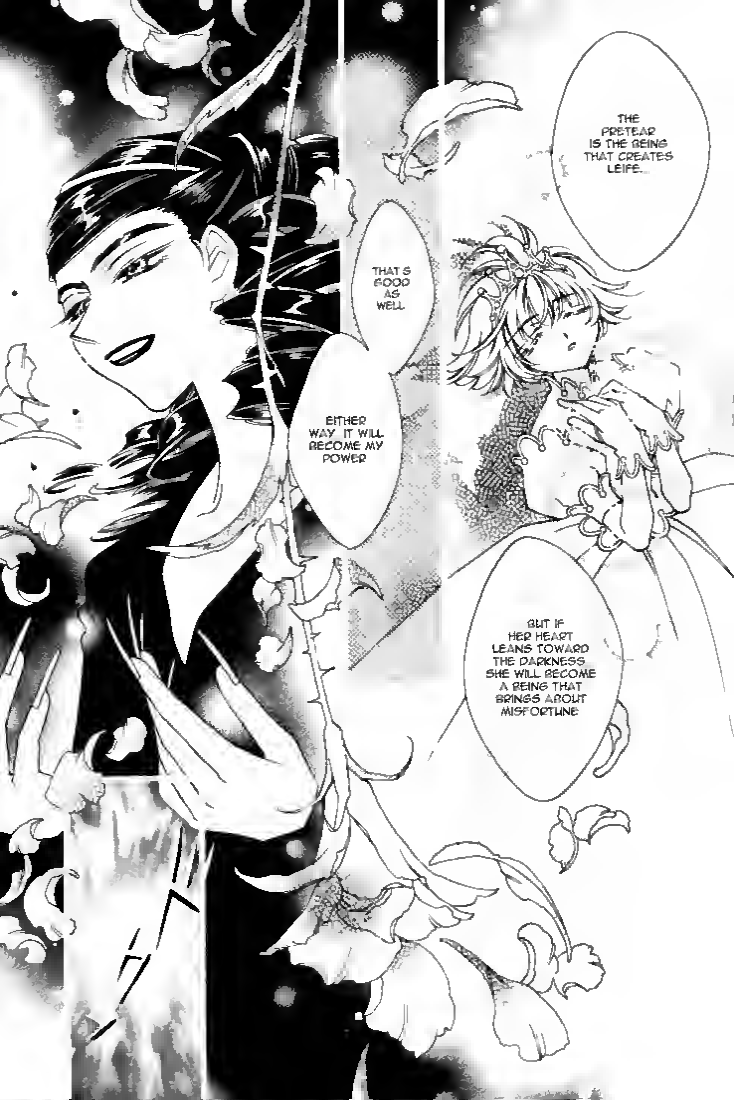

FOR A LONG TIME, I THOUGHT THAT I MIGHT HAVE BEEN UNLUCKIER THAN OTHERS
MAMA DIED IN THE SUMMER OF MY FIFTH YEAR...
DRINKING AGAIN?
IT'S DINNER
WE WERE A POOR FATHER-DAUGHTER HOUSEHOLD
PAPA MARRIED AGAIN AND WE FINALLY ACHIEVED NORMAL (?) HAPPINESS
AT LEAST I THOUGHT WE HAD, BUT...

I AM UNLUCKY...
SHE WENT SO FAR AS TO MAKE MAYUNE A PUPPET
HA HA HA
YOU LOOK GOOD LIKE THAT, HIMENO!

I DON'T REMEMBER EVER BECOMING YOUR SISTER
THAT MY OWN STEP-SISTER IS ATTACKING ME...
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BE CONSIDERED THE FAMILY OF A PIECE OF TRASH LIKE YOU
NOW THAT I'VE OPENED MY EYES!
I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE FUN IF WE COULD BECOME SISTERS
IS THAT WHY YOU BULLY ME?
IS THAT WHY YOU BECAME A PUPPET?

BUT MAYUNE IS...
WHEN YOU TAKE MY LEIFE...
..WILL I DIE?
IT'LL BE BETTER!
YOU'RE NOT NECESSARY.
MOTHER THINKS SO, AS DOES MAWATA AND EVERYONE ELSE
SHE JUST LAUGHS ME OFF..

BYE-BYE HIMENO
MAYUNE...!!


THE PRETEAR IS THE BEING THAT CREATES LEIFE...
THAT'S GOOD AS WELL
EITHER WAY IT WILL BECOME MY POWER
BUT IF HER HEART LEANS TOWARD THE DARKNESS SHE WILL BECOME A BEING THAT BRINGS ABOUT MISFORTUNE

EVEN BRINGING THOSE GODS INTO YOUR ROOM...
It's shameful...
EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T YET.
THAT IT WOULD BE OKAY FOR HER TO DO IT
WHAT WAS I THINKING JUST NOW?
ミチ ミチ
YOU'RE QUITE PRESUMPTUOUS IN SPITE OF YOURSELF.
STILL CONCEITED EVEN AFTER BEING CAUGHT BY SUCH A BEAUTIFUL HENCHWOMAN!!
EH...
THAT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE THE LEIFE KNIGHTS

WAIT A MINUTE. COULD IT BE YOU WERE JEALOUS?
I
SHE'S THOUGHT ABOUT IT
HANDSOME GENTLEMEN
I MEAN THEY WERE
WHO, ME? IS NEVER
MAYUNE ALWAYS WANTS TO BE A QUEEN
IT'S GREED

I WANT TO BE ACCEPTED BY EVERYONE
HOW IS THAT DIFFERENT?
IT'S NOT LIKE MAYLINE WANTS TO BE JEALOUS
THE ONE EVERYONE NEEDS IS THE PRETEAR
IF I WASN'T THE PRETEAR

I HAVE A LOT OF DARKNESS IN MY HEART
FAR FROM BEING JUST "HIMENO AWAYUKI"
I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO BE ACCEPTED EVEN AS THE PRETEAR
THERE ISN'T A HUMAN WITHOUT DARKNESS.
AS A NORMAL HIGH SCHOOL GIRL
I WOULD BE ANGRY AND TIMID
I WAS EVEN THINKING "DIE, MAYUNE" EARLIER.

WH-WHAT!?

BECAUSE OF THAT... THE LIGHT SHINES EVEN MORE BEAUTIFULLY

FM KA

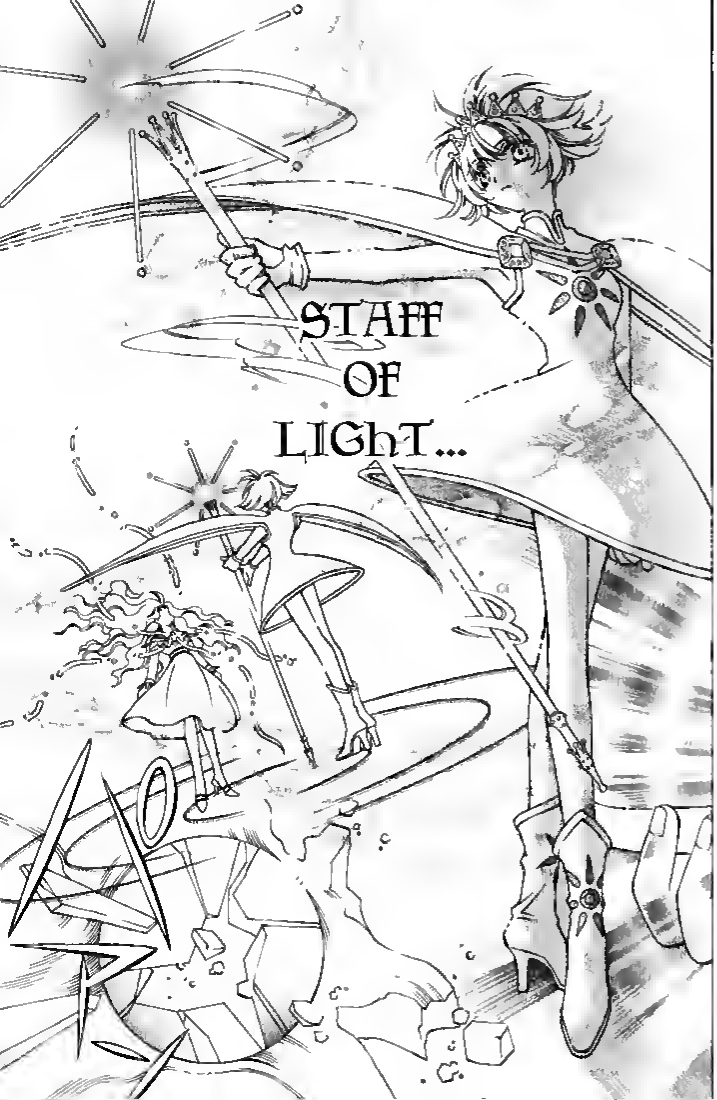
I'M SORRY
SHE TOOK A LITTLE LEIFE, THOUGH...
HIMENO
I'M FINE...
WHY ARE YOU APOLOGIZING...
I WAS SUPPOSED TO UNDERSTAND YOU
I'VE FAILED AS A KNIGHT
WHAT ABOUT ME, HIMENO?

THAT'S RIGHT EVERYONE
YOU GUYS JUST JUMPED IN!
NO-O
AND ME...
I KNOW
AND ME
ME, TOO..
YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I LIKE YOU DON'T YOU!?
THANK YOU
BUT
ARE YOU STUPID?

YOU SAID "IF I WASN'T THE PRETEAR"
STUP-!?
BUT CAN YOU IMAGINE IF THAT WERE TRUE AND WE WEREN'T THE LEIFE KNIGHTS?
PFF
WHY ARE YOU LAUGHING AT THAT?
Imagination
FOR EXAMPLE IF WE WERE YOUR CLASSMATES OR SOMETHING?
CLASSMATES!
BUT IT'S HARD TO PICTURE
EVERY-ONE IS THE WAY THEY ARE—
THAT'S RIGHT
TEACHER! THE ANSWER ISN'T XXX IT'S OOO
AH

HIMENO AWAYUKI AND THE PRETEAR
THEY'RE BOTH YOU RIGHT?
YES!

BESIDES, IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE A PRETEAR THAT SAIHI COULD BEAT WITH HER BARE HANDS
NOR ANYONE ELSE FOR THAT MATTER
YOU GUYS
ARE YOU DONE WITH THE FEEL-GOOD SESSION WHILE COMPLETELY IGNORING ME!?
MAYLINE!
HIMENO


STAFF
OF
LIGHT...

WHY DON'T WE RELEASE YOUR SISTER FROM THE DARKNESS?
MAYLINE'S DARKNESS
AND MY WEAKNESS
IN FRONT OF THE LIGHT, ALL OF IT WILL

THERE'S NOTHING ODD ABOUT THIS.
THANK GOOD-NESS...
ZZZ ZZZ
IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE CALCULATIONS... SAIHI DIDN'T COME OUT...
DON'T WORRY
SHE'S JUST UN-CONSCIOUS
I KNEW IT!
KEI USED YOU AS BAIT
LISTEN ...
GRIN
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
HE SAID IT WOULD DRAW SAIHI OUT.

IT WASN'T AT THE STAGE WHERE WE COULD CHOOSE OUR OWN MEANS
BUT...
WAIT..!?
DIZZY
DON'T BLAME KEI TOO MUCH
HE USED ALMOST ALL OF HIS LEIFE LOOKING FOR YOU
KEI!?
HE JUST USED TOO MUCH LEIFE

HOST?
HIMENO
IT SEEMS THAT SAIHI'S HOST ISN'T THAT STUPID
SHE'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO SURFACE UNTIL SHE'S COMPLETELY REVIVED
HE SAID THAT USING THE PRETEAR AS BAIT WAS AN ACCEPTABLE RISK.
THE REASON BEING, THAT IF SOMETHING HAPPENED, HE'D BEAR IT HIMSELF
DON'T MAKE TOO MUCH OF IT

NATSUE
PROBABLY SOMEONE CLOSE TO YOU...
SAIHI IS POSSESSING SOMEONE

KAORU.
YOU MUSTN'T WALK YET.
I'M FINE.
HIMENO H..SN'T COME BACK YET?
IT SEEMS SHE'S OUT L..TE WITH HER FRIENDS.
IS THAT SO?
—BEING A PARENT IS LONELY
KIDS GROW UP SO FAST
SHE'S EVEN DOING THINGS LIKE DATING NOW
I'M HERE FOR YOU

NATSUE ..?
ALL I NEED IS YOU
BECAUSE SAIHI MIGHT BE SOMEONE I KNOW ..!
THAT S WHY YOU DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ..?

THAT IS WHY...
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN BAD
I'M HAPPY THAT YOU CARED SO MUCH BUT
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO CAVE IN ANYTIME SOON, ARE YOU?
HIMENO
I'M DONE BEING RESERVED..
MY MATE YOU DESERVED THAT
KICK!

IF IT'S ABOUT SAIHI, DON'T HIDE IT AND JUST TELL ME. WE'RE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?
BECAUSE I'M MAD, SO...
ALTHOUGH I MIGHT CAVE IN SOONER OR LATER
BUT I'LL GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT

BECAUSE I CAN IF EVERYONE'S HERE
PAT
SORRY
WE'LL DO OUR BEST TOO

THAT'S

WHY IS SHE HERE..!?
WAS SHE LISTENING!?
OR WAS SHE...
WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE!?
FM K

LEGEND OF THE
SNOW WHITE PRINCESS

PRETEAR

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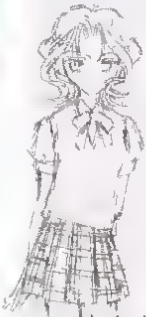
NATSUE

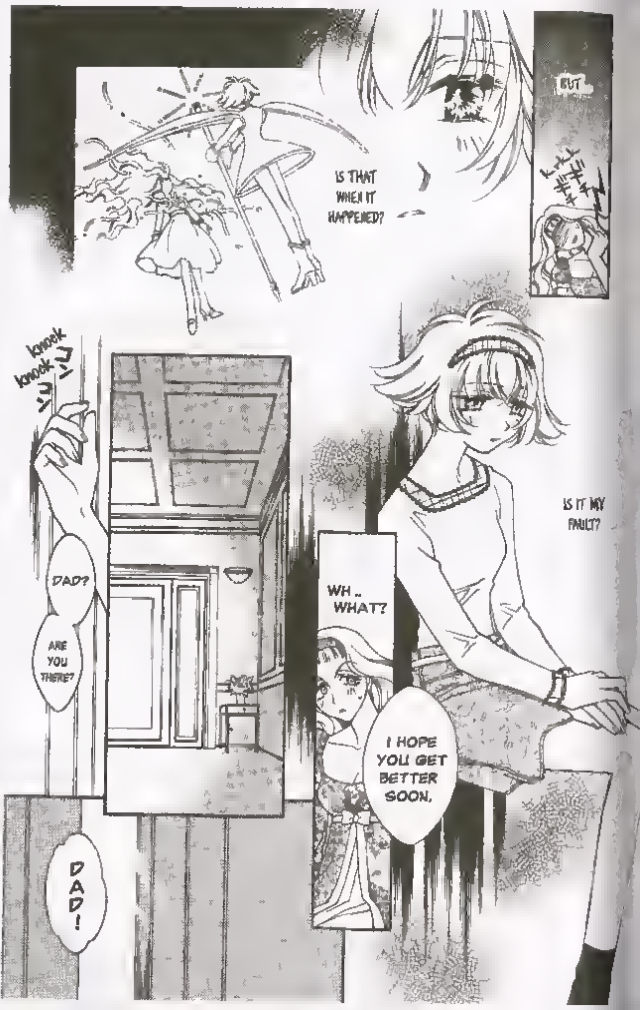


MAWATA

MAYUNE

FRESH PANCAKES COMPLEMENTED WITH A SEASONAL FRUIT SYRUP,
AND A SOUP BRIMMING WITH VEGETABLES. IT'S THE CHEF'S SPECIALTY!
AAH, SUCH A FABULOUS SUNDAY MORNING. BUT IT'S JUST US HERE...
BAM!
HA HA

YOUR MOTHER AND HER HUSBAND ARE EATING IN THEIR ROOM.
MISS MAWATA SAID SHE DID NOT WANT BREAKFAST THIS MORNING
BUT SKIPPING BREAKFAST IS BAD FOR YOUR LOOKS!
BLECH!
THIS IS ROTTEN!
BUT WE JUST GOT THAT EGG FROM THE HENHOUSE HERE ON THE GROUNDS!
THEN WHY DON'T YOU EAT IT?
MAY-UNE.
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR NECK?
何かおかしくて!?
IS SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT IT?
おかしくないけど…
NOT STRANGE-- SCARY!
IT'S BEEN THIS WAY SINCE I WOKE UP THIS MORNING.


IS THAT WHEN IT HAPPENED?
BUT
knock knock
DAD?
ARE YOU THERE?
DAD!
WH.. WHAT?
I HOPE YOU GET BETTER SOON.
IS IT MY FAULT?

UM.
WHERE IS MY DAD?
KAORU'S SPRAIN HASN'T HEALED YET.
OH...
DID YOU WANT SOME-THING, HIMENO?
I'D LIKE TO LET HIM GET THE REST HE NEEDS.
YOU DON'T WANT HIM TO REPEAT HIS INJURY, DO YOU?
OKAY.
WAS THAT HIMENO JUST NOW?

NO.
BUT I'M FINE!
NOW REST.
NO, YOU'RE NOT!
THE WORLD IS FULL OF DISASTER.
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE ANYTHING ELSE.

IF I STAY HERE,
SOMEONE ELSE MIGHT GET HURT.
あたしの知ってる人かもしれない――
SHE'S PROBABLY SOMEONE I KNOW
DAD WILL BE FINE AS LONG AS NATSUE'S WITH HIM.
BUT THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER IS CLOSE

WHAT SHOULD I DO?
THIS PLACE REALLY IS BIG.
THERE'S LOTS OF TREES, TOO!
LOOKS WORTH EXPLORING!
FIRST OFF, THE ALL-IMPORTANT KITCHEN!
I WANNA GO TO THE POOL!
WHAT ABOUT THE GREEN-HOUSE, OR THE FLOWER GARDEN?
UH, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

I WISH I COULD GET MORE LOCAL INFORMATION.
WEATHER NEWS...
CABLE TV...
IS THAT SO?
PATROL?
IF THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER IS CLOSE TO YOU,
THEN MAYBE IF WE SEARCH WE CAN FIND SOME CLUES.
I'VE BEEN TIRED LATELY
REALLY? ME, TOO

THE HOSPITALS ARE CROWDED...
IT'S ALMOST SUMMER, BUT ISN'T IT GETTING COLDER?
MY BONSAI ARE—
THE WATER IS—

hrrrrmm
ALL HAVE LEAFE. THIS WAY...
VEGE-TABLES, FRUITS, MEAT, AND FISH...
PLEASE FIND THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER SO I CAN GET BACK TO MY NORMAL LIFE.
BUT HIMENO...
YOU CALL THIS SEARCHING?
I JOINED IN AFTER ALL.
WE CAN SEARCH EVERYTHING AT ONCE! ♡
HUH?

SOMETHING IS STILL BOTHERING ME...
I WONDER IF EVERY-THING'S ALRIGHT
OF COURSE NOT.
HAYATE?!
AUGH!
NRNGH!
WAUGH!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU GUYS HAVEN'T FOUND ANYTHING YET.
YOU'RE THE ONES WHO SAID "LEAVE THE AWAYUKI HOUSE UP TO US!"
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU?
SORRY, CHEF
TRASH

BUT WE JUST GOT THAT EGG...
OH!
THE HEN-HOUSE?!
YES!

...HOW I REALLY FEEL.
AS MUCH AS I THINK...
ARE YOU HAWATA?
カチッ
...SOMETHING'S STILL MISSING...
カチッ
WHY...?
...CAN'T...
カチッ
WHAT?

YOUR MINIDISC WON'T WORK.
ITS LEAFE OF SOUND HAS BEEN TAKEN.
MAWATA?
DID YOU FIND WHAT YOU WANT...

WHAT IS SASAME DOING HERE?
NO.
I DON'T CARE WHY HE IS HERE.
I...
YOU WERE AT THE RADIO STATION LAST NIGHT, WEREN'T YOU?

YOU KNOW
I LISTEN TO "WORD'S GATE," RIGHT?
DON'T YOU THINK I WAS THERE FOR YOU?
I WANTED TO SEE YOU.
I THOUGHT YOU WOULD UNDERSTAND ME.
BUT...

YOU THINK I'M...
THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER, DON'T YOU, SASAME?
SO, YOU DID HEAR US.
YOU'RE HERE TO GET RID OF THE BAD PERSON AND PROTECT HIMEMO.
RIGHT?
IF YOU WERE THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER...
I AM
THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER.

SO JUST GO AHEAD AND KILL ME.
I'M SORRY
I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD PUSH YOU TO THIS.
NO.
YOU'RE NOT THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER.

I...
I FOUND WHAT I WANT.
I LOVE YOU, SASAME.
I PROBABLY COULD UNDERSTAND YOU.
WE'RE A LOT ALIKE...
INCLUDING THE PART OF US THAT WANTS SOMETHING WE CAN'T HAVE.
NO!

I DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE ANY-MORE!
MY DAUGHTER IS FRIENDS WITH MAWATA.
PEOPLE I THINK ARE MY FRIENDS BETRAY ME!
MY MOM DOESN'T EVEN LOOK AT ME!
I'M BUSY. GO WITH TANAKA.
YOU'RE ALL I HAVE, SASAME!
I DON'T HAVE ANYONE ELSE!
伝わらない想いがある
THERE ARE FEELINGS I CAN'T EXPRESS.
I CAN LISTEN TO YOUR PROBLEMS.
BUT...

I'M NOT THE ONE YOU REALLY WANT...
TO UNDER-STAND YOU.
I...I'M JUST A BURDEN.
IT'S HIMENO YOU LOVE.

JUST FORGET IT
THE ONE WHO DOES IS.
YOU DON'T SEE THE REAL ME, EITHER!
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
MAWATA?!
SLAM

SIGH...
WORRIED?
ABOUT ME?
YEAH
BUT I'M SO HAPPY.
AFTER MY HUSBAND DIED, I HAD TO RUN MY COMPANY AND RAISE MAYLINE AND MAWATA ON MY OWN.
I WAS SO LONELY..

BUT NOW I HAVE YOU, KAORU.
EVEN IF YOU DID MARRY ME JUST FOR HIMENO'S SAKE.
NATSUE?!
Merlish
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING ELSE.
NOT STATUS, NOT MY COMPANY.
NOT MONEY, NOT THIS HOUSE...

I DON'T NEED THIS WORLD...
I DON'T EVEN NEED MY DAUGHTERS
ALL I NEED IS YOU.

RUSTLE
HI-MEIKO?
IT'S NOTHING.
IT FELT LIKE
ガガ
SOMEWHERE SOMEONE WAS CRYING
どこかで泣いてるガガした…
BY THE WAY...
WHEN DO WE GET TO THE HENHOUSE?

WE'RE LOST, AREN'T WE?
UMM...
WHAT'S THAT?
IT'S MY MOM'S GRAVE.
THERE IS A PICTURE ON IT.
A RELIEF!
YOU LOOK A LOT LIKE HER
HUH?!
YOU DON'T THINK SO?

I'M JUST KINDA CRUDE, HUH?
YOU THINK SO?
EVERY-ONE WHO KNEW HER
SAID MY MOM WAS BEAUTIFUL, LIKE AN ANGEL.
BUT WHEN YOU SMILE...
HUH?

WHAT AM I GAYNST
WHEN SHE SMILES, WHAT?
PWOOF
BUT YOUR DAD GOT REMARRIED, RIGHT?
これくらいの事がらはかまわないだろ
THEY WON'T MIND A LITTLE TEASING
ISN'T IT AWKWARD HAVING HIS EX-WIFE'S GRAVE HERE?
NATSUE MOVED IT ON PURPOSE,
SO MY DAD WOULDN'T BE LONELY

SHE'S A VERY NICE PERSON.
WE'RE NOT GETTING ALONG TOO WELL RIGHT NOW.
BUT SOME-DAY...
YEAH.

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期待
キラ sparkle
キラ sparkle
キラ
C'MON!
UMM...
WHAT KIND OF PERSON IS A "MOM"?
WHAT?
OH!
IT'S O.K.
THE LEAFE KNIGHTS DON'T HAVE PARENTS.
squeeze
YEAH.
OUR "BIG BROTHER" HERE TAKES CARE OF US! HE'S KINDA HOT-TEMPERED, THOUGH...
WELL...
"HOT-TEMPERED," HUH?

I DON'T REMEMBER MY MOM VERY WELL, BUT..
SHE WAS KIND,
AND WARM.
THAT'S JUST LIKE YOU, HIMENO!
ARIGHT!
THEN HIMENO CAN BE OUR MOM!
HEY!
SHE'S GONNA BE MY GIRL-FRIEND!
まゆ
snuggle
.....
ME, TOO..
MAN-NEN?
HEY, I'M TOO YOUNG TO--

OH WELL...
LEAVE IT TO ME!

WHAT'S WRONG?
hohoh
MAWATA?
ARE YOU CRYING?
I JUST GOT SOMETHING IN MY EYE
WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THAT BAG?
WELL, I'LL BE GOING AWAY FOR A LITTLE WHILE.
GOING AWAY?!
BUT, WHY?
BECAUSE IF I DON'T, THINGS WILL ONLY GET WORSE
YOU'LL WAKE UP NATSUE!
SHHH!

COULD YOU GIVE THIS TO NATSUE?
OH.
HERE.
A LETTER
MAWA-TA...
NATSUE'S TIRED, THAT'S ALL.
LOOK AFTER HER, WILL YOU?
JUST FOR A WHILE.
SHE DOESN'T **REALLY** THINK SHE DOESN'T NEED YOU.

OH!
UMM...
I DON'T EVEN NEED...
MY DAUGHTERS!
MAWATA?
WHERE IS KAORU?
SKRNCH
LOOKS LIKE THERE AREN'T ANY CLUES AFTER ALL.

BUT LEAFE HAS DEFINITELY BEEN TAKEN.
YEAH.
SO THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER IS---
HAY-ATE!
DID YOU FIND SOME-THING?
THOSE FLOWERS ARE PRETTY! PICK SOME FOR ME! ♡

THIS ISN'T A PICNIC!
EEK!
"BIG BROTHER" IS MAD!
WELL, HE IS HOT-TEMPERED.
YEAH!
WAAH!
NOW LOOK, YOU...
WHY CAN'T YOU BEHAVE MORE LIKE THE FRETEAR?!
BUT,
I THOUGHT IT'D MAKE NATSUE HAPPY IF I GAVE THEM TO HER
SO, YOU WON'T?

YOU'RE SO NICE, "BIG BROTHER."
WHAT-EVER
THANK YOU!
THIS IS A SERIOUS TIME.
WE CAN'T AFFORD TO HAVE HER DEPRESSED.
YOU SHOULD SUPPORT HER, HAYATE.
YOU LOVE HER, DON'T YOU?
Blussh
L...
LOVE?
HE'S SO FUN TO TEASE.
HSH
WHAT ARE YOU SAY-ING?!
WH-
WHAT?!
UH...
UH
flap flap

欲しいものがある
THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT
BANG
HMPH. I HATE WHEN YOU ACT LIKE A KNOW-IT-ALL, HAYATE.
RIGHT? YOU'RE THE ONE WHO...
BUT, I THOUGHT YOU LOVED HER.

それはどってもささいなもの
IT'S SUCH A SMALL THING
ささいだけど大切なもの
BUT IT'S ALSO VERY PRECIOUS.
HEY!
FOR NOW, WHAT SHE NEEDS FROM ME IS A "BIG BROTHER" SHE CAN TALK TO.
THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME.
欲しいものを
IF EVERYONE
誰もが手に入れられるなら
COULD GET WHAT THEY WANT!

災いを呼ぶこともないんだろうに
THERE PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE DISASTER
HE LEFT?!

IT'S TRUE! KAORU TOLD ME HIMSELF!
IT CAN'T BE...
HE SAID HE CAN'T STAY HERE ANYMORE
YOU'RE A FOOL, HIMENO.
KAORU LEFT. ALONE.
THERE MUST BE SOME MISTAKE!
HE AND NATSUE WERE GETTING ALONG SO WELL!
IT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!
NATSUE...

HUH?
I SHOULD'VE SEEN IT COMING
WHICH MEANS HE ABANDONED YOU, TOO!
YOUR MOTHER HAD YOU, EVEN THOUGH THE DOCTORS TRIED TO STOP HER.
HER HEART WAS ALREADY WEAK, AND GIVING BIRTH DAMAGED IT EVEN MORE.

YOU KILLED YOUR MOTHER!

WHEN KAORU LOST THE WOMAN HE LOVED,
HE STOPPED WRITING NOVELS.
KAORU, MOTHER, MAYUNE, AND I
ARE ALL SUFFERING...
BECAUSE OF YOU!
BECAUSE OF ME.

BECAUSE I WAS BORN
I'VE DESTROYED WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO ME.
THERE IS NO PLACE FOR YOU HERE!

SOBE
MOTHER
THINGS ARE BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE, THAT'S ALL.
YOU, ME, AND MAYLINE— JUST THE THREE OF US.
LET'S GO BACK TO OUR OLD LIFE.

THAT'S RIGHT.
THE WAY THINGS USED TO BE?
YES.
THE THREE OF US?
I'M SO TIRED...
I CAN'T BEAR THE THOUGHT OF KEEPING THIS HOUSE ALONE...
OF BEING LONELY.

YOU ENDURED ALL THAT LONELINESS
AND PAIN...
JUST AS I DID AS A CHILD.
YES, MAWATA, MY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER...
YOU WERE A REALLY GOOD CHILD.
BUT,
YOU HAVE ME, MOTHER!
BUT NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU ENDURE
YOU STILL CAN'T HAVE WHAT YOU REALLY WANT
SNAP

WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU IS TAKEN AWAY
SWSH
IF THIS WORLD IS GOING TO BETRAY ME
THEN I HAVE NO USE FOR IT!
THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER IS PROBABLY SOMEONE I KNOW?!
THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER HAS POSSESSED SOMEONE!

THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER IS...
YOU AREN'T THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER.
MO... THER...
LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS.

THE PRINCESS OF FIGASTER HASN'T SHOWN HERSELF YET
AND I WON'T NEED BODYGUARDS IN LEAFEANIA!
.....
WE HAVE TO SAVE OUR STRENGTH!
HI-MENO.
WHAT HAPPENED?
YOU WANT TO COME TO LEAFE-ANIA?
YUP!

I THOUGHT YOU DIDN'T WANT TO LEAVE YOUR FAMILY.
WHAT? NOTHING...
THAT IF YOU RAN, IT WOULD RUIN EVERYTHING.
I heard from Kosame
IT ALREADY IS RUINED.
I CAN'T STAY IN THAT HOUSE ANYMORE.
MY DAD LEFT.
NATSUE IS IN TEARS...
AND BECAUSE I WAS BORN, MY MOM...

BECAUSE OF ME...
BECAUSE I WAS BORN!
WHY DOES THIS HAP-PEN?
IT'S ALWAYS BECAUSE OF ME!
HIMENO?

はっ
SWISH

RED SNOW!
AAAUGH!
WAAJOH!

WE'LL HAVE TO DESTROY THEM.
TREES ALL OVER THE CITY ARE TURNING INTO THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER'S PUPPETS!
DO WE PURIFY THEM ALL?
THERE'S TOO MANY!

RIGHT!
HIMENO!
NO!
FIRST, WE'LL BURN THEM WITH GO'S FIRE.
DESTROY?
HI-MENO!
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!
N... NO?
ガーン
SHOCK
I WILL NOT KILL!
BUT THERE'S TOO MANY..
LET ME TAKE CARE OF IT!

SHIN...
I DON'T WANT TO KILL THOSE TREES, EITHER.
SHIN CAN'T HANDLE IT YET!
HIMENO, WAIT!
THERE'S TOO MANY!

HIMENO!

HIMENO! DON'T DO IT!
CHAPTER 1

CHAPTER 17
A CLUSTER OF VINES!

HAYATE!
HURRY!
FLASH!!

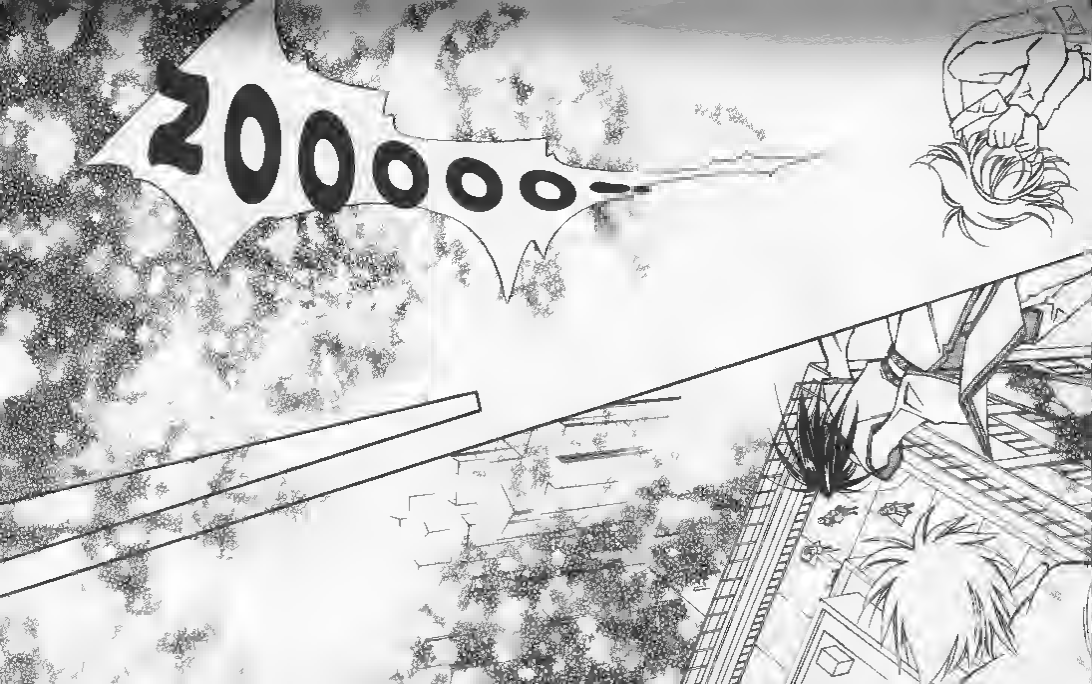
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
SHIN
Yeah
Iwaa
HI-MENO!
THAT'S ENOUGH!

SHIN!
ARE YOU OKAY?
THAT'S RIGHT!
I'M FINE!
I'M A KNIGHT, TOO!
SHIN...

THANK YOU.
fwssh

TNK

NO...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HIMENO WENT HOME?
BUT THAT HOUSE IS ALREADY...
I UNDER-ESTI-MATED HER
OH NO!
THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER IS CLOSE TO HIMENO!
DAMMIT
WHY DOES THIS ALWAYS HAPPEN TO HER?

WILL?
NO GOOD.
THE RED SNOW IS TAKING ALL OF THE LEAFE OF SOUND.
I'M SORRY!
ALSO...
hurt
Help!
I can't take it
HRM
WE'LL SPLIT UP AND LOOK FOR HER!

THE KANTO AREA IS EXPERIENCING AN UNSEASONABLE SNOWSTORM
THE METEOR-OLOGICAL AGENCY SAYS THE RED COLOR IS...
HIMENO?!
ZWOSH
A-I-EE!
HIGHWAYS ARE...
HUH?

HAYATE!
DID HIMENO COME HERE?
NO.
OKAY.
OH!
BUT...
I THINK I JUST SAW HER STANDING OVER THERE.

GOT IT.
OH!
HI-MENO...
HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA KEEP CRYIN'?
SOB
SOB
KNOCK IT OFF ALREADY!
twitch
MAN-NEN!
WE'RE KNIGHTS, RIGHT?
IF WE JUST STAND AROUND CRYING, HIMENO WILL NEVER COME BACK.
RIGHT!

LET'S GO!
YOU'RE BEING RIDI-CULOUS
EVEN IF THE WORLD IS IN DAN-GER,
YOU WANT ME TO TAKE OVER THE AIRWAVES SO WE CAN FIND HIMENO?!
CAN YOU DO IT?
HMPH DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE THE KNIGHT OF LIGHT
STOP GIVING ME THAT SCARY LOOK!

WAWAW
BEGIN.
WAWAW TV.
GOOD EVENING.
THIS IS SASAME, THE HOST OF WORD'S GATE."

A RED SNOW IS FALLING,
LIKE IT'S TRYING TO BURY THE WORLD.
THE WIND AND WATER ARE FROZEN.
PLANTS AND ANIMALS ARE STRUGGLING TO SURVIVE.
PEOPLE ARE FREEZING... BUT IT'S NOT JUST THEIR BODIES.

SNOW IS FALLING IN THEIR HEARTS AS WELL.
JUST BY BEING ALIVE, THEY HURT SOMEONE: FAMILY, FRIENDS, LOVERS...
I CAN'T GO ON...
I'M SORRY
SOB
SOB

LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS.

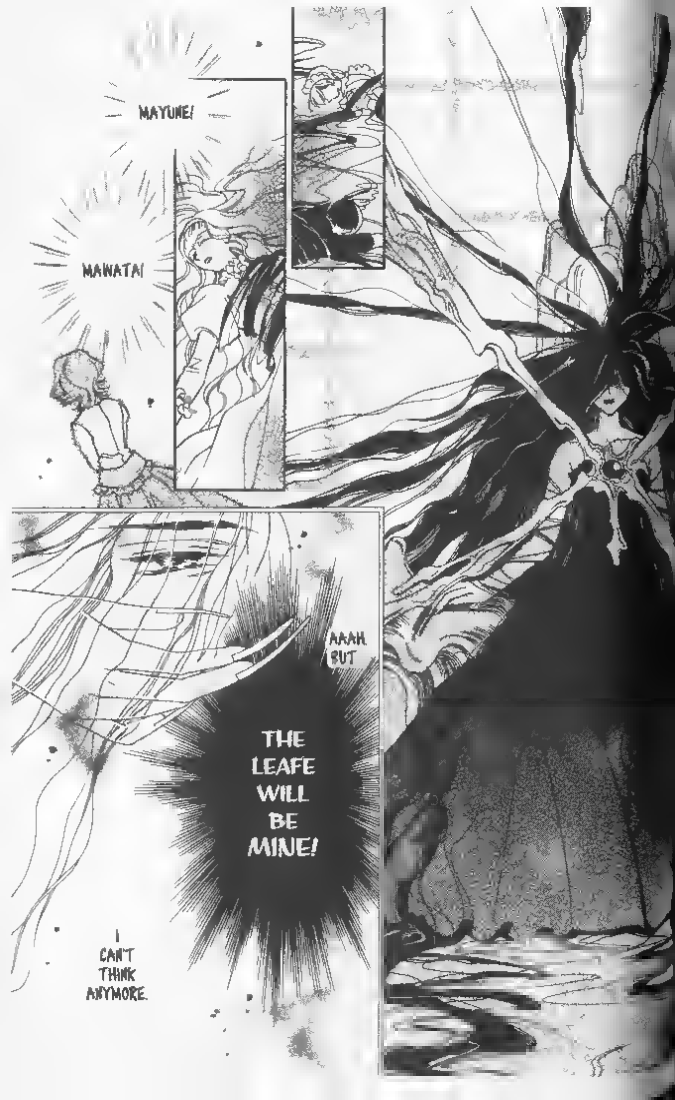
LONG AGO, THERE WAS A GIRL I LIKED.
BUT SHE LOVED ANOTHER MAN, SO SHE DIDN'T NOTICE MY FEELINGS. I WAS SO ANGRY...
I JUST SAT...
AND WATCHED HER GET HURT.

SO...

HAY-
ATE,

HIMENO?!
WAIT!
HIMENO!
OH.
I'M SORRY!
HI-MENO
I KILLED SHIN!
I KNEW IT WAS TOO MUCH, BUT I PUSHED HIM
HE WAS A KNIGHT. HE KNEW WHAT COULD HAPPEN
BUT IF IT WASN'T FOR ME, IT WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED!

THERE'S NO TIME FOR YOU TO BE DEPRESSED!
THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER HAS RESURRECTED!


MAYUNE!
MAWATA!
AAAH, BUT
THE LEAFE WILL BE MINE!
I CAN'T THINK ANYMORE.

I'LL JUST MESS UP AGAIN.
NO...
AND NEXT TIME...
HI-MENO?
I'M SCARED
I CAN'T DO IT ANYMORE
"IF ONLY I'D DONE SOMETHING DIFFERENT BACK THEN."
REGRET PILES ON TOP OF REGRET...
UNTIL YOU CAN'T FORGIVE YOURSELF.
ALRIGHT.

WHAT?
YOU CAN QUIT IF YOU WANT
REALLY?
YEAH
WE'VE PUSHED YOU HARD...
BUT YOU DID GOOD.
BUT...
IT'S ALRIGHT. I'M GOING TO QUIT THE LEAFE KNIGHTS, TOO.
WHAAT?!
ONE MOMENT PLEASE..
I MADE A MISTAKE ONCE, LONG AGO
NOW'S MY CHANCE TO QUIT
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!

IT'S NOT FAIR IF YOU CAN QUIT, BUT I CAN'T.
SOMEONE ELSE COULD PROBABLY BE THE PRETEAR, BUT NO ONE ELSE COULD BE A KNIGHT!
ULUM... ULUM...
BESIDES...

I DON'T WANT ANOTHER PRETEAR BUT YOU.
NO ONE CAN LIVE A LIFE WITHOUT REGRET.
ALL WE CAN DO IS MAKE THE BEST CHOICES WE CAN RIGHT NOW.

THAT GUY...
SNEAKY BASTARD!
YEOW!
I BELIEVE THAT
YOU'LL COME BACK.
HAYATE!!

BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT ALONE!

I WON'T ACCEPT THIS!
MAWATA?
I WON'T ACCEPT YOU!

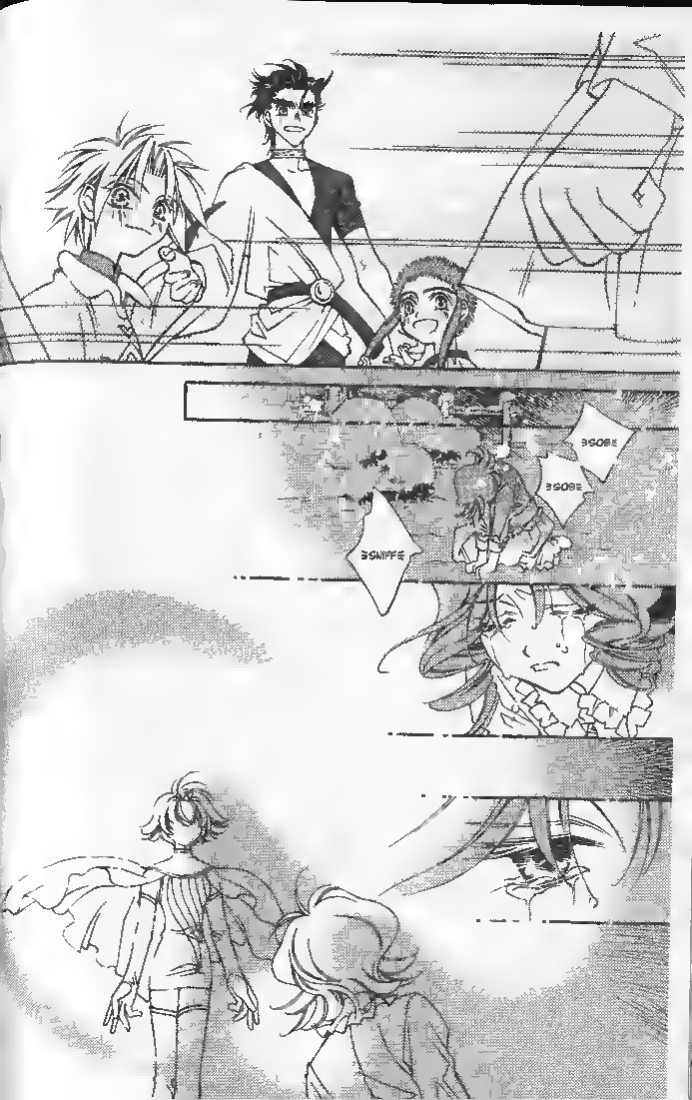
I WON'T ACCEPT THIS!
CHAPTER 18

I'M THE ONE WHO WORKED SO HARD...
SO WHY ARE YOU THE ONE...
TO BE ACCEP-TED,
TO BE SEEN FOR WHO I AM!
WHO'S ACCEP-TED, AND NEEDED?!
I HATE YOU!
BUT...

HIMENO
MAWATA?
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I CAN TURN TO!
NATSUE IS...
THE PRINCESS OF DISASTER?!
PLEASE, SAVE MY MOTHER!

OH.
HI-MENO...
SO THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON.
DIE!
I DON'T NEED YOU!
SHRK
SHRK

I WISH MAYUNE WOULD JUST DIE!
あたしも——
FOR MY SAKE...
真綿ちゃんも
FOR MAWATA...
みんな——
FOR EVERYONE.
GO.
Thump


SOBBE
SOBBE
SNIFFLE

MAWATA.
I'M SORRY.
SO WARM.
I DIDN'T NOTICE HOW YOU FELT.
I WAS SO BUSY WORRYING ABOUT MYSELF,
NO.
IT'S MORE LIKE I DIDN'T WANT TO NOTICE
BECAUSE YOU HAVE EVERY-THING
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, INTELLIGENT, WELL-BRED...

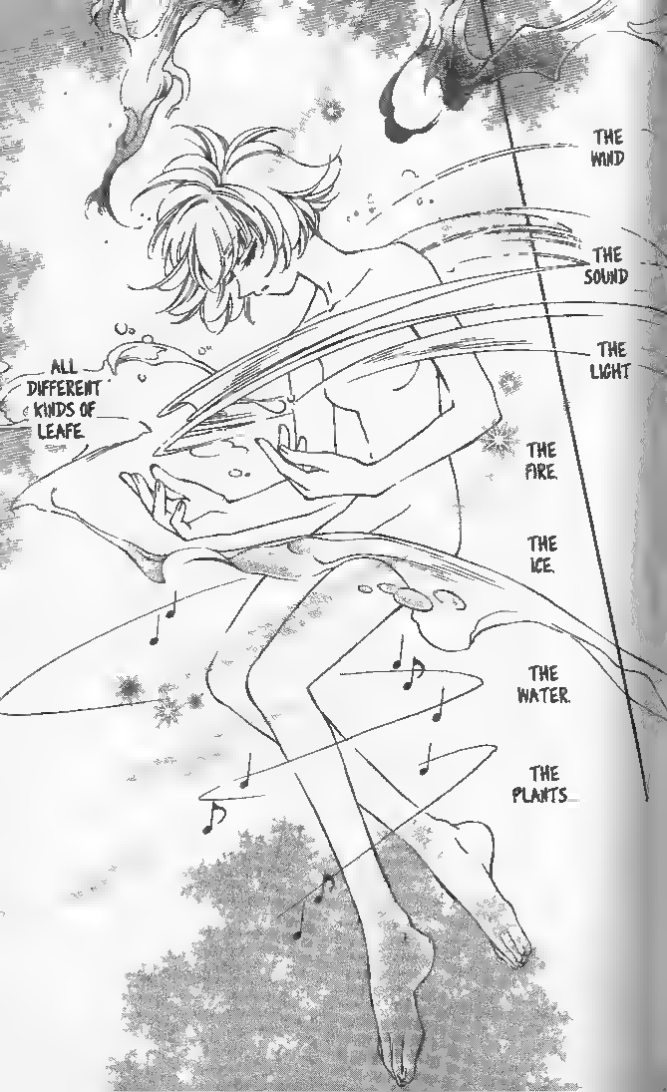
I WAS JEALOUS.
I EVEN THOUGHT YOU'D STOLEN MY DAD FROM ME.
I TRIED TO ACT LIKE I UNDER-STOOD...
BUT I WAS THE ONE WHO CLOSED MYSELF OFF FROM YOU.

BUT...
THAT IT WOULDN'T MATTER IF I JUST DISAPPEARED.
ALL THIS TIME, I THOUGHT I WAS ALONE.
I WAS ABLE TO MEET YOU.
AND...

そして
AND
GO.
MAN-
NEN,
HA-
JIME,
SA-
SAME,
KEI,
SHIN,

HAYATE.
I'M HERE BECAUSE OF YOU.
I'M SO GLAD I COULD MEET YOU ALL.

AND THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO, RIGHT NOW.
shimmer


THE WIND
THE SOUND
THE LIGHT
ALL DIFFERENT KINDS OF LEAFE
THE FIRE
THE ICE
THE WATER
THE PLANTS

THEY
ARE
ALL
RIGHT
HERE.

MA-WATA.
I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FOUND OUT ABOUT ME...
BUT I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME FOR HELP.
THE WHITE PRETEAR!

WAIT!
I WILL BRING NATSUE BACK.
I MAY NOT BE A GOOD SISTER, BUT JUST LEAVE THIS TO ME.
TAKE ME WITH YOU.
WOOOOO
I WANT IT...
I WANT IT...
NATSUE
I...

ALL THE LEAFE WILL BE MINE!
MOTHER!
MA-WATA?!
AIEE!
SWOSH

HI-MENO_
FWSSH
PRETEAR
THE ONE WHO CAN CREATE LEAFE
IF YOU ARE THE ONE WHO GIVES IT, THEN I AM THE ONE WHO TAKES IT AWAY
LIGHT AND DARK POLAR OPPOSITES

WHAT IS THIS?
WHAT IS THIS PAIN?
THEN,
WHY ARE YOU CRYING?
IF YOU AND I ARE SO DIFFERENT,
WHAT MAKES YOU SO SAD?
WHAT?!
THIS TIME I WILL DESTROY THE WORLD!
ALL THE LEAFE WILL BE MINE!

I SHOULD JUST PUT AN END TO EVERYTHING!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE THE PRETEAR ANYMORE.
YOU'RE LONELY, AND YOU WANT TO CONNECT WITH SOME-ONE...
BUT IT DOESN'T WORK OUT.
YOU CAN'T HAVE WHAT YOU WANT, SO YOU JUST TRY AND DESTROY IT ALL.

ISN'T THAT JUST THE SAME AS ME?
fssch
YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE LEAFE ANYMORE.

BECAUSE I'LL GIVE IT TO YOU, ALL OF IT.
FOR YOU!
MA... WA...
KAORU REALLY LEFT TO WRITE A BOOK...
I'M SORRY, MOTHER.
I LIED.

THAT'S RIGHT, NATSUE.
EVERY-ONE'S JUST LONELY.
MOTHER?
MAWATA, MAYUMI...
DAD,
THEY'RE ALL WAITING FOR YOU.
ME, TOO!
That's right! Himeno Leafe connects us to the future
From yesterday to today from today to tomorrow
That's why I was the happiest person in the world

WHAT WAS FALLING WAS WHITE SNOW.
MOM!

輪(わ)となりつながる〝生命の源(リーフェ)〟

CONNECTING US ALL IN ONE GREAT CIRCLE

LEAFE IS IN ALL LIVING THINGS.

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHIN CAME BACK TO LIFE.
WELL OF COURSE..
HIMENO!
THE WHITE PRETEAR CREATED LEAFE OF PLANTS AND
...
...
I DON'T LIKE THIS..
THEN GET A GIRLFRIEND!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, NATSUE! ♡
IS EVERYTHING ALRIGHT AT YOUR HOUSE?
YEAH, YOU SEE...
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU!
SEE YOU LATER
TOO HOT FOR ME...
OH, KAORU!
WROTE IT FOR YOU.
TAKE CARE.
HIMENO!
TWITCH

THANKS TO THIS WAX WE TESTED ON YOUR HEAD, THE STAIRS ARE ALL SMOOTH AND SHINY!
SMOOTH & SHINY
MISS MAYLINE, WE SHOULDN'T...
SSH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
IT'S EVEN SHINIER THAN USUAL
I'M NOT PLAYING A PRANK OR ANY--
OH NO!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
PLUNK--
IDIOTS.
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REALLY?
UH-HUH

I TRIED PUTTING ON GLASSES, BUT...
THAT'S NOT GOING TO HELP!
HAVE QUITE A MESS WITH THAT STUNT, THOUGH.
YOU SURE ARE FAMOUS
IS THAT SASAME?!
DO YOU THINK THEY LOOK BAD?
SUSSH
WELL, I DID SAY "FOR NOW."
WHAT'S WITH YOU?

FOR NOW,
WHAT SHE NEEDS FROM ME IS A BIG BROTHER SHE CAN TALK TO.
AUGH!
BUT IT'S TIME TO STOP BEATING 'ROUND THE BUSH
BUT...
NEVER MIND!
OH, NOTHING
WHAT?!
HUH?
STOMP STOMP
DISSED
IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS, HUH?!
STOMP STOMP
WHA?!
BAM
IS THAT RIGHT?

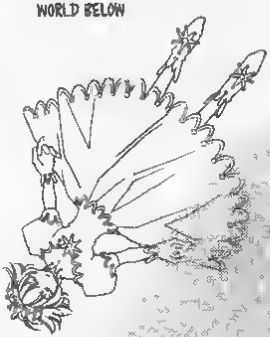
HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO HANDLE GIRLS.
Get with it already!
HUH?
HEY!
HI-MENO?!

THE REALITY NEVER QUITE MATCHES THE **LEGEND**, HUH?

Epilogue

THE WORLD TURNS

I'M SLEEPING IN THE
MIDST OF A PURE
WHITE SNOW OF
LEAFE THAT FALLS
GENTLY TO THE
WORLD BELOW



あたしは眠っている
I'M SLEEPING
SOMEONE IS CALLING ME
NO
HIME-
深い空の青の瞳
HE HAS EYES THE COLOR OF THE DEEP BLUE SKY
HIMENO?

THE END